4184-09

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

Title: Job Search Assistance (JSA) Strategies Evaluation

OMB No.: 0970-0440

Description: The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is proposing a data collection activity as part of the Job Search Assistance (JSA) Strategies Evaluation. The JSA evaluation will aim to determine which JSA strategies are most effective in moving TANF applicants and recipients into work. The impact study will randomly assign individuals to contrasting JSA approaches and then compare their employment and earnings to determine their relative effectiveness. The implementation study will describe services participants receive under each approach as well as provide operational lessons gathered directly from practitioners.

The proposed information collection activity consists of: (1)

Baseline data collection: collection of baseline data from TANF

recipients at the time of enrollment in the study; (2)

Implementation study site visits: conducting site visits for the purpose of documenting the program context, program organization and staffing, the components JSA services, and other relevant

aspects of the TANF program. During the visits, site teams will interview key administrators and line staff using a semistructured interview guide; and (3) a JSA staff survey. This on-line survey, administered to TANF supervisory and line staff involved in JSA activities, will be used as part of the implementation study to systematically document program operations and the type of JSA services provided across the study sites.

Respondents: JSA program staff and individuals enrolled in the JSA study.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

| Instrument | | Annual | Number of | Average | Total |
|----------------------------------|--------------|-------------|------------|-----------|--------|
| | Total Number | Number of | Responses | Burden | Annual |
| | of | Respondents | Per | Hours Per | Burden |
| | Respondents | | Respondent | Response | Hours |
| Baseline information form | 25,000 | 8,333 | 1 | 0.2 | 1667 |
| JSA staff Survey | 660 | 220 | 1 | 0.5 | 110 |
| Implementation study site visits | 300 | 100 | 1 | 1 | 100 |

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:

1,877

Additional Information: Copies of the proposed collection may be obtained by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, 370

L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: OPRE Reports Clearance Officer. All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection. E-mail address:

OPREinfocollection@acf.hhs.gov.

OMB Comment: OMB is required to make a decision concerning the collection of information between 30 and 60 days after publication of this document in the Federal Register. Therefore, a comment is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent directly to the following:

Office of Management and Budget

Paperwork Reduction Project

Email: OIRA SUBMISSION@OMB.EOP.GOV

Attn: Desk Officer for the Administration for

Children and Families

Karl Koerper Reports Clearance Officer

[FR Doc. 2014-19798 Filed 08/20/2014 at 8:45 am; Publication Date: 08/21/2014]